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SUBJECT: DOW CHEMICAL INVESTMENTS IN JAPAN

1. DOW CHEMICAL'S PLANS FOR DEVELOPING A PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX IN AICHI PREFECTURE WERE ADVANCED BY THE SIGNING OF A POLLUTION CONTROL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOW AND HANDA CITY ON MARCH 22. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PART OF THIS AGREEMENT IS THE EXCLUSION OF CHLORINE AND CAUSTIC SODA MANUFACTURE - A FOCAL POINT OF LAST YEAR'S CONTROVERSY IN HOKKAIDO - FROM THE PLANNED COMPLEX. DOW REPS IN TOKYO CONFIRMED THESE REPORTS TO US, ADDING THAT CHLORINE AND CAUSTIC SODA FACILITIES WERE NOT RULED OUT BECAUSE OF POLITICAL/DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRESSURE, BUT IN FACT WERE NEVER CONSIDERED BECAUSE OF THE SMALL (250,000 SQ METER) SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT AREA.

2. DURING OUR CONVERSATION, DOW REPS ALSO MENTIONED THAT NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON GOING THROUGH WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR CHEMICAL COMPLEX IN JAPAN. DOW'S FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THIS DECISION IS AWAITING INSPECTION OF ALL POTENTIAL SITES (TOMAKAI EAST IN HOKKAIDO IS STILL A POSSIBILITY, BUT OTHER AREAS, SUCH AS TACHIBANA BAY IN TOKUSHIMA

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PREFECTURE, ARE ALSO BEING STUDIED). DOW REPS INDICATED THAT, EVEN IF A POSITIVE DECISION IS MADE, SITE PREPARATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMPLEX WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS FROM THE TIME OF THE DECISION.

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